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In re application of:
GONZALEZ et al.

Application No.: 09/308,080

Filed: October 28, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTING DIHYDROPYRIMIDINE DEHYDROGENASE SPLICING

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Examiner: STEADMAN, D.

Art Unit: 1633

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT

ACCOUNT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a one-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action mailed December 27, 2000. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1), please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 for the appropriate amount of \$110.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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